

## SEVERE LOCAL STORMS, OCTOBER 1933

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[The table herewith contains such data as have been received concerning severe local storms that occurred during the month. A revised list of tornadoes will appear in the Annual Report of the Chief of Bureau]

Place	Date	Time	Width of path (yards)	Loss of life	Value of property destroyed	Character of storm	Remarks	Authority
Harrisburg, Pa.	1	P.m.				Thunderstorm	Power lines struck at 2 different points in the city; minor damage.	Official, U.S. Weather Bureau.
Miami, Fla.	4-5	12 p.m.	60		\$5,000	Tornado	4 houses blown down and several others unroofed; wires down, causing loss to system of several thousand dollars; path 1 mile long.	Do.
Key West, Fla.	4-5					Hurricane	Electric service suspended; number of shade trees uprooted; several small boats blown ashore; city flooded.	Do.
Fort Lauderdale, Fla.	5	1-2 a.m.				Tornado	Several trees uprooted; windows broken; 1 person injured.	Do.
Hollywood, Fla.	5	do				do	Power lines of the Florida Power & Light Co., wires of the Western Union Telegraph Co., and the semaphore system of the Florida East Coast Railway out of commission; several buildings damaged; large groups of persons went to the courthouse for the night, while others registered at down-town hotels; classes in all public schools of the county were suspended for 2 days.	Do.
Wickenburg, Ariz.	6					Heavy rain	Traffic delayed when flooding caused the destruction of a highway bridge.	Do.
Indianapolis, Ind.	8	1:30 p.m.				Heavy hail and rain.	No damage reported.	Do.
Somerton-Gadsden, Ariz.	9	P.m.				Wind, hail and rain.	Wind and hail stripped cotton from several hundred acres; loss to poultry and vegetable crop; streets in Somerton flooded.	Do.
Big Spring, Tex., 13 miles north	10	5:25 p.m.		1		Thunderstorm	Man killed by lightning while standing in front of a parked car on the highway.	Do.
Omego, Okla.	12	7:30-9:30 p.m.	13		23,000	Hail	Severe loss to crops, especially cotton; \$3,000 damage to buildings; path 6 miles long.	Do.
Sayre, Okla., 8 miles southeast	14	9:30 p.m.	100	3	3,000	Tornado	A person injured when a residence was demolished; damage to other property estimated at \$3,000.	Do.
Bokchito, Brown, and Colbert, Okla.	15	4-6 p.m.	1 1/4-4		20,000	Heavy hail and wind.	Loss to crops; property damaged; path from 1 to 10 miles long.	Do.
Brown, Okla.	15		50			Tornado	4 homes, several barns and a number of small buildings demolished; everything in storm path destroyed; no estimate given; path 1 mile long.	Do.
Milwaukee, Wis., and vicinity	19					Wind and gale	Trees and wires blown down; 1 person injured.	Do.
Chattanooga-Faxon, Okla., and vicinity	20	10 p.m.	1 1/2		2,500	Hail	Damage principally to cotton crop; path 10 miles long.	Do.
Pensacola, near, Fla.	20				25,000	Wind	Barge with cargo sunk.	Do.
Terre Haute, Ind.	21	8:20 p.m.				Thundersquall	Trees blown down; damage slight.	Do.
Chicago, Ill.	21	P.m.				Heavy rain	Traffic delayed; streets, viaducts, and basements flooded.	Do.
South Bend, Ind., few miles north	21				5,000	Wind	Damage to buildings reported.	Do.
Flint, Mich., and vicinity	21	P.m.				Gale and rain	At midnight many streets in the northeastern section of the city were impassable; some basements flooded as high as 6 feet; several thousand dollars' loss reported.	Do.
Southwestern Michigan	21-22			2		Thundersqualls and hail.	Damage to farm buildings; 2 persons killed by lightning.	Do.
Canton, N.Y.	24-25					Heavy snow	Considerable damage to telephone and electric lines; trees broken; snow was sticky, but because of its freezing it remained for several days.	Do.
Northern Vermont	24-25					Snow, glaze, and wind.	Barre, Montpelier, and vicinity, had 12 inches of snow; 1,000 to 1,500 poles down; communication by train and automobile only; roads dangerously icy causing automobiles to skid on practically every main highway; many cars stuck; 1 out-of-town car was seen completely covered with a thick layer of ice; worst storm in October in 40 years.	Do.
Lutherville, Ark.	26				1,000	Electrical	Barn and contents destroyed by lightning.	Do.

<sup>1</sup> Miles instead of yards.

